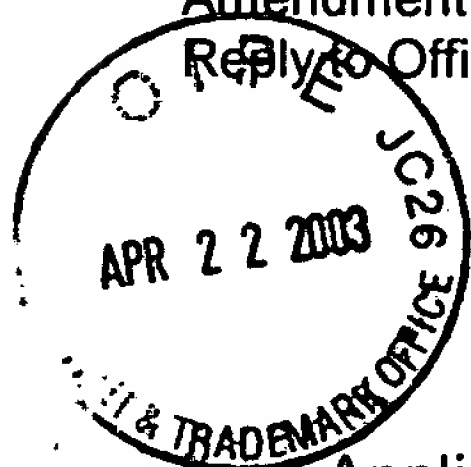


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In re Application of :

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Bruno LEUENBERGER

Examiner: T. Ware

Serial No.: 09/726,880

Art Unit: 1615

Filed: November 30, 2000

For: **VITAMIN POWDER COMPOSITION
AND METHOD OF MAKING**

New York, New York
April 16, 2003

SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114:
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING AMENDMENT
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 17, 2002.

This Response is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and satisfies the requirement to file a "submission" under 37 CFR § 1.114(a).

The Final Office Action set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested.

Accordingly, the RCE and Response are filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before April 17, 2003. 37 CFR §§ 1.8 and 1.136. Enclosed

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This Response is drafted in the revised format pursuant to the procedure set forth at 1267 OG 106 in the Notice entitled "AMENDMENTS IN A REVISED FORMAT NOW PERMITTED." Accordingly, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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